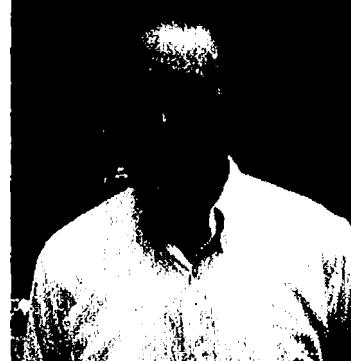


NEWS

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SPORTS

Vikings sweep Hornets in varsity series



The Grayling Vikings defeated the visiting Harrison Hornets 51-31 and 85-46 in a varsity basketball doubleheader played last Tuesday.

In the first game of the series, the GHS varsity girls basketball team won by 20 points vs. Harrison. The Vikings started strong and led 14-6 after one period. GHS led by 13 at halftime. Grayling took a 25-point advantage into the fourth quarter. The Vikings won 51-31.

"The key to our victory against Harrison was our consistency and intensity for 32 minutes. We came out strong and never let up," Coach Kelly Sheehan said.

In the second game of the doubleheader, Grayling's varsity boys basketball squad outscored Harrison by 39 points, 85-46. **9A**

JV team outscoring Hornets 35-7 in 2nd half

The GHS junior varsity boys basketball squad, boosted by a strong second half effort, defeated the Harrison Hornets by 41 points, 59-18, on Thursday night in a game played at Harrison.

The Vikings led by 13 at halftime, 24-11, and outscored their opponent 35-7 in the final 16 minutes.

After posting a 3-1 record in four home games to start the season, Grayling High School's JV girls basketball team lost 29-20 at Harrison on Thursday.

"The girls were not ready mentally for their first road game," Coach Craig Hofman said. **9A**

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City will tighten down on snow removal regulations

by Dan Sanderson

Staff Writer

Grayling City officials are forewarning commercial property owners that new snow not properly plowed in the New Year will result in civil infractions.

Grayling City Manager David Thayer said that heavy snowfall that occurred in the second week of December prompted officials to gear up its enforcement for the community's snow removal ordinance in

2010.

The snow removal ordinance was adopted last year to address commercial property owners along the I-75 Business Loop, where large piles of snow were pushed into the road right-of-way, killing trees and landscaping meant to beautify the corridor and blocking the visibility of motorists entering and leaving parking lots in the business district.

Under the ordinance, all businesses, residences and public entities,

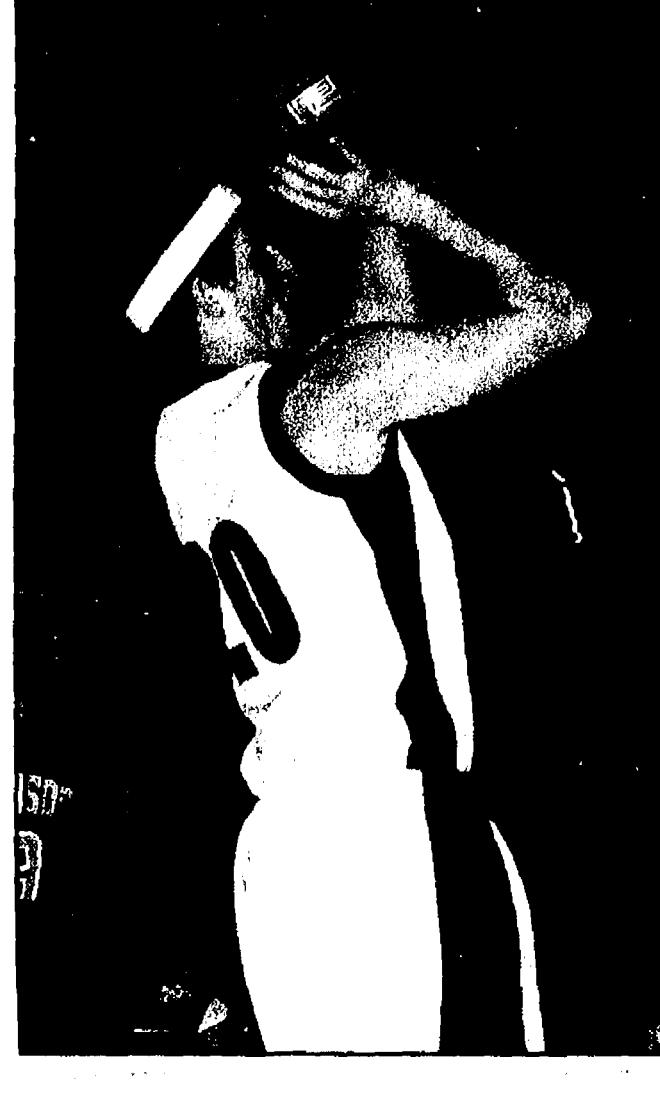
whether owner, occupant or agent, shall attend to all snowfall that accumulates over two inches in a 24-hour period to protect the safety and welfare of the general public. Efforts shall be made to eliminate hazards that snow accumulations create.

All owners or occupants of commercial properties with parking areas for public use shall designate snow storage areas on site. Snow removed from commercial parking

lots shall not be placed on property of others, on any public roadway or public right-of-way. If snow exceeds its on site storage capacity, the owner or occupant shall have the snow hauled off premises.

No residential property owner, occupant, or agent shall place snow on public roadways or public rights-of-way that creates a public hazard, impedes vehicular traffic flow or impairs a driver's vision.

See CITY WILL | 2A



DOUBLE UP

Grayling High School's varsity boys and girls basketball teams, which now play all of their league games and some of their non-conference matches on the same night, defeated the Harrison Hornets 85-46 and 51-31, respectively, in front of a large crowd at GHS last Tuesday. Ashley Feldhauser, left, dribbles the ball for the girls basketball squad vs. Harrison. Riley Zigila, right, shoots for the boys basketball team against the Hornets on Tuesday night. It was the last game before winter break for both squads. The teams will resume their 2009-2010 seasons with a non-conference doubleheader at Houghton Lake on Tuesday, Jan. 5.

Race to the Top money an option

by Dan Sanderson

Staff Writer

The Crawford AuSable School Board is putting the school district in the race to potentially receive thousands of dollars from the federal government for school improvement.

The school board, at its regular monthly meeting last week, held a lengthy discussion on filing a memorandum of understanding to receive "Race to the Top" funding.

"Race to the Top" is a program being promoted by President Barack Obama and the U.S. Department of Education through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

Initiatives promoted through the Race to the Top program include:

- Adopting standards and assessments that prepare students to succeed in college and the workplace and to compete in the global economy.

- Building data systems that measure student growth and success, and inform teachers and principals about how they can improve instruction.

- Recruiting, developing, rewarding, and retaining effective teachers and principals, especially where they are needed most.

See RACE TO THE TOP | 2A



A rookie snowmobiler lost her life when she struck a tree in the Frederic area last week. Joyce A. Weir, 68, of Galion, Ohio died on impact after striking a tree on her snowmobile. Investigation found that speed and inexperience were the reasons for the accident.

Woman dies when snowmobile hits tree

by Dan Sanderson

Staff Writer

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Crawford County Sheriff Kirk Wakefield said Crawford County Sheriff's Deputies along with the Frederic Fire Department Snowmobile Rescue

were dispatched to snowmobile trail 679-9, which is located in the Deward area of Frederic Township, to a snowmobile accident at approximately 11:49 a.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 22.

Upon arrival, it was found that a Joyce A. Weir, 68, of Galion, Ohio was deceased. The woman died on impact after striking a

tree on her snowmobile. Investigation found that speed and inexperience were the reasons for the accident. Alcohol was not a factor. It was reported to deputies that it was her first time on a snowmobile. The snowmobile was 800 cc Arctic Cat Crossfire.

Trio of teenagers thrown from sleds

by Dan Sanderson

Staff Writer

Three teenage Ohio girls were thrown from their snowmobiles last week when they failed to notice a corner on a trail.

Crawford County Sheriff Kirk Wakefield said that Crawford County Sheriff's Deputies along Mobile Medical Response and the Frederic Township Fire and Rescue were dispatched to a snowmobile personal injury accident in Grayling Township on Lewiston Grade Road at 3:38 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 22.

Investigation revealed that three snowmobilers, all on separate sleds, were traveling down Lewiston Grade Road at a high rate of speed and missed a corner on the snowmobile trail, which was marked. All three snowmobilers drove off the road and into the woods and were thrown from their snowmobiles. All three females were transported to Mercy Hospital Grayling to be evaluated for injuries.

Investigation found that speed and inexperience were reasons for the accident. The teens were also listening to iPods while driving, which contributed to the accident. Alcohol was not a factor in the accident. All three snowmobiles were 800 cc snowmobiles and all three drivers were teenage girls from Ohio. Names are being withheld due to ages and notification of family.

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"Only five of us were at the first board meeting," said Bovee, as quoted in "A Setting for Success," a history of Kirtland written by two instructors, Jon Thompson and Nancy Lemmen. "We looked at each other and said, 'What do we do now?' We had no money, no property, no faculty, no employees."

Bovee passed away on May 28, 2009, at Mercy Hospital in Grayling at the age of 82. With the exception of two years, Bovee served as a Kirtland board member from 1966 to 2007, a total of 39 years. That included 12 years as the board's chairman.

"He just liked it," said Fay Bovee, his wife of 63 years. "That was his whole life - I think."

"See, he liked kids. He liked young people," she added of her husband's bond with Kirtland. "It's something he liked to do. He believed in young people."



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"He and the family were very appreciative of the kindness and assistance those people provided.

"So, there's a huge connection there ... and why the family feels so appreciative," he added. "As a way to show their gratitude, the family wants to help fund this scholarship to help train future health professionals here at Kirtland."

The fund-raising campaign got underway in early November and will end on Friday, Jan. 15, 2010. Hagen-Foley said the foundation may be able to raise the full match of \$7,500 even internally, if just 58 of the nearly 300 Kirtland employees agreed to contribute just \$7 each payday

for one year.

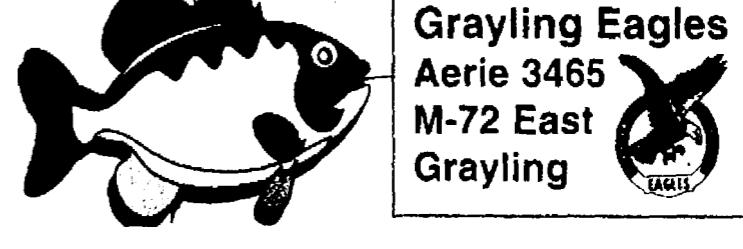
"We realize we are facing some very difficult economic times, especially locally," he said. "But, together, we are excited about teaming with the residents of our district and our employees during the fund-raising campaign."

To contribute to the Robert Bovee Scholarship for Health Sciences, mail checks to KCC Foundation, C/O Robert Bovee Scholarship, 10775 N. St. Helen Road, Roscommon, MI 48653.

For more information on Kirtland or the KCC Foundation, visit online at www.kirtland.edu or call 989-275-5000, extension 366.

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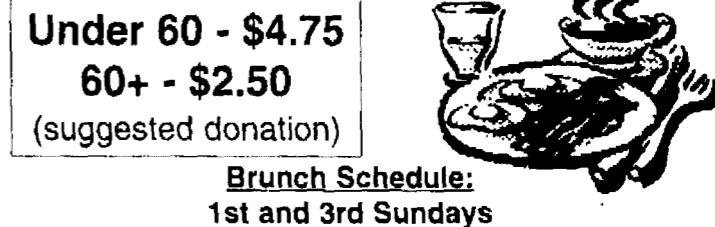
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For more information, call: 800-848-3372

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1st and 3rd Sundays

All Brunches are from 9 a.m. to Noon at the Senior Center located at 308 Lawndale Street, Grayling (behind Burger King).

Weyerhaeuser Foundation supports local United Way

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

The Weyerhaeuser Foundation has awarded a \$10,000 grant to the United Way of Crawford County to help support non-profit agencies in 2010.

Since 1948, the Weyerhaeuser Company Foundation has played an integral role in the philanthropic efforts of the company. Its mission is to release the potential in people to strengthen communities that mills are located in and advance sustainability.

Weyerhaeuser made the company's first charitable contribution in 1903. Since the creation of the foundation in 1948, company employees who serve as advisers of the foundation have carefully directed more than \$206 million in donations.

The donation to the United Way of Crawford County was made on behalf of the Weyerhaeuser Company's iLevel Strand Technology (Oriented Strand Board) mill in Grayling.

The grant application was spearheaded by Kathi Moss, the Weyerhaeuser Company's iLevel Strand Technology's environmental coordinator in Grayling. Moss is also a member of the United Way of Crawford County's Board of Directors.

Ian Faulkner, unit general manager for the Grayling mill, said company officials wanted to give the United Way the leverage to spend the funds in whatever way they see fit.

"It's just part of the Weyerhaeuser way where we want to be involved with things that mutually benefit the community," Faulkner said.

Faulkner credited Moss for obtaining the grant funds for the community. In turn, Moss said the original application was only for \$5,000, but the mill's leadership convinced the foundation to double the funds.

"All I had to do is approve it," Faulkner said of the grant application.

Faulkner the last significant donation from the Weyerhaeuser Foundation was made to Mercy Hospital Grayling's Emergency Room expansion project.

"Weyerhaeuser is a large community player and we intend to support the community, community events and we will look forward to working with businesses and civic players to make enhancements to the general environment in the area," Hatley said.

Hatley said Weyerhaeuser continues to be the biggest contributor to the United Way in the community.

"We appreciate everything they do and the other businesses that strive to give us donations," Hatley said.

"That's what's being a community is all about."

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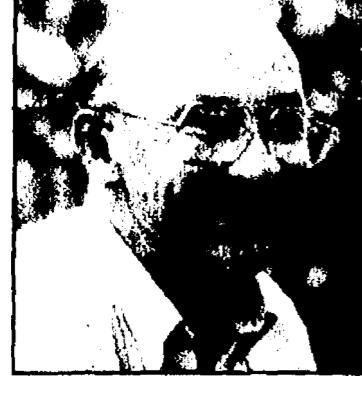
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Issues and Opinions

Almanack

by Richard Milliman

Let's keep Christmas Season for another week



HOW COME it takes Christmas so long to get here, and then it goes by so fast?

The Christmas season – at least the shopping part of it – used to get underway with big sales around Thanksgiving, but Christmas merchandising now competes with Back-to-School specials for attention of shoppers.

Then in a matter of only a few swift days, Christmas is over, decorations are stored away for another year, gifts are returned for the right sizes or more appropriate choices, Christmas dinner leftovers have all been cleared away, and it's back to the real world.

The spirit of Christmas usually hangs around a bit longer than the trappings of the holiday. It's usually a few weeks after the new year begins before most folks bypass the glad tidings and warm feelings toward one another and about life in general to return to the more normal grumping and growling and indifference to toward others.

But in this week's Almanack,

Christmas is extended briefly to add a couple of Christmas related items.

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SANTA CLAUS – Is Santa Claus too fat?

That's the discussion reported recently in *The Chicago Tribune*.

Yes he is, according to Dr. Nathan Grills, a public health doctor, who thinks Santa should get off his sleigh and walk or bike, because his present image "promotes obesity, unsafe air travel and an unhealthy life style."

Another man of medicine, Steven Galson, former acting US surgeon general, has suggested that Santa should "lose his belly fat, eat carrots instead of cookies, and wear a helmet while roof surfing and chimney jumping."

But there's another side, espoused in *The Tribune* story by an Illinois physical therapist, Vincent Gutierrez, who claims Santa Claus needs "a huge resource of fat" to perform his expected duties on Christmas Eve,

which is "the greatest endurance activity known to man – carrying and delivering presents throughout the entire world."

Dr. Grills also added another concern about Santa's health, citing his experience as a Santa impersonator, claiming he was "kissed and hugged by snotty-nosed kids at each performance." Santa probably gets a very big flu shot before he leaves the North Pole each winter.

Much of this discussion was carried on via internet, according to *The Tribune* article, very much tongue-in-cheek and in good humor.

Despite all of these concerns about Santa's health and safety, real or imagined, most folks probably prefer him just as he is. I know I do.

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TWELVE DAYS – The popular and historic Christmas song, The Twelve Days of Christmas, as pointed out in an Almanack a couple of weeks ago, lends itself to

adaptation and parody, some respectful and some likely not so.

A few years ago, someone came up with a boost-Michigan Christmas Card, adapting the partridge-in-a-peacock tree and the five-golden-rings to a chant about localized gifts Michigan offers, which I always thought was both clever and an outstanding reminder of what's good and diverse about our state.

Here's how the "Twelve Days of Michigan Christmas" was built:

The first day was "A partridge in a White Pine tree," followed by two bowls of Kellogg's, three feet of snow, four Great Lakes, five gold Motown records, six cars a building, seven Verner's ginger ale a fizzing, eight Yoopers dancing, nine Tigers batting, ten cold days in Hell, eleven Spartans and Wolverines blocking, and twelve hockey sticks a-slapping.

Personally I would prefer the

first day as "A Warbler in a White Pine tree" rather than a partridge.

Although the Kirtland's Warbler is

not Michigan's state bird, it should be.

The "ten cold days in Hell" refers to the hamlet named Hell in Livingston County, and not to any other distinct geographical or liturgical interpretation.

But all in all, that's a pretty clever adaptation of the venerable Christmas song to boost some of Michigan's wide variety of natural assets.

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FAREWELL 2009 – And with that, the Almanack curtain closes on Christmas Season 2009, which capped probably one of the worst years in recent memory in many ways for a lot of folks, especially in Michigan.

Let's all hope for a better year for all of us in 2010.

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Richard Milliman is a veteran newspaperman, and a contributing columnist to several Michigan newspapers.

Letters to the Editor

Stranger's generosity instilled the true meaning of Christmas

To the editor:

As we all know, Christmas is a time for giving, a time when our hearts are filled with love, sensitivity, and hope, and a special time when we feel like sharing these sentiments with others. It is for this reason that I write this letter. I had the experience the other day to witness this sharing in person.

I often volunteer my time at the AuSable Free Clinic. I happened to be volunteering there last Thursday night when a woman walked into the waiting area and handed envelopes to all of the patients in our waiting room awaiting treatment. And then, as quietly as she entered, she departed.

I thought it odd, but went about my business at hand, as we had a busy night ahead of us. So, I began my duties of screening the

patients seeking medical care, one by one. And, one by one, they began to excitedly explain to me that in the envelope, that they received from this stranger, was a \$20 Sears gift certificate.

There must have been about 15 patients in that waiting room that received these cards. One patient had tears in her eyes when she revealed to me the contents of her envelope. One asked me, "Why would she do this? I don't even know her!" Another patient explained to me that he could now buy something for his daughter.

I don't know who our anonymous Mrs. Santa

Claus was, nor did anyone else in the clinic.

What we do know, however, is how

she made those patients feel

and what a tremendous impact she had on every one

of us in that building that night.

Whoever our Mrs. Claus was, she showed us all the true meaning of Christmas, for sharing her love and care, and for giving us hope. The feeling of joy, hope, and deep gratitude that these patients felt and shared is something I will never forget. I felt as if I were witnessing a modern-day miracle.

So, Mrs. Claus, whoever you are, your generous monetary gifts, instilled deeply within us the feeling of the season, and provided us with faith in humanity.

May God Bless You, as you have blessed so many of us with your unselfish actions. Wishing you and yours a blessed holiday.

Vicki Christian
Volunteer

AuSable Free Clinic

If the light is to remain, keep it blinking red

To the editor:

I think it would be a huge mistake making that light on Maple and Michigan Avenue red, yellow and green. I've seen cars speed up, to make it through the green light. This is more dangerous for our kids walking to and from school.

Then there is the issue of cars taking the streets to avoid the light. A safety hazard to those kids living on those side streets. They are not used to that extra

traffic.

At times there was a large back up of traffic on Michigan Avenue, when the light was red. When the light turned green, all of that traffic ended up in town, causing a traffic jam.

If the light is going to remain there, then keep it blinking red. Everyone has to stop and it's much safer for the kids.

Ann Sheppard
Grayling

The dogs are not deserving of euthanasia

To the editor:

It is the opinion of the AuSable Valley Animal Shelter's Board of Directors and staff that Riley and Shelby are not dangerous, according to the guidelines set forth in the county ordinance and state law and our longtime experience with them.

Therefore, these dogs are not deserving of euthanasia and should be released to the owners as soon as possible.

Judith Frederick, President
AuSable Valley
Animal Shelter

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Viewpoint

By Cindi Bauer, DRD
Representative / Biomedical Services
American Red Cross Great Lakes Region

Giving the gift of life

In 2010 an American Red Cross donor frequency program will be rolled out to donors in Alcona, Alpena, Crawford, Montmorency, Oscoda, Presque Isle, and Roscommon counties.

Donors that present six times or more in 2010 will receive a 2011 annual pass to the Besser Museum of Northeast Michigan.

Giving the gift of life could not be easier and rewarding all by its self.

The donor frequency program is a nice way to recognize those people who take the time to build donating regularly into their schedule.



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"travel," "dogs and cats," "birthdays," and more.

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Briefs

Free throw contest to be held

All boys and girls ages 9 to 14 are invited to participate in the local level of competition for the 2010 Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship. The event will be held on Sunday, Jan. 10, at 1 p.m. at the Grayling Middle School. Participants are required to furnish proof of age and written parental consent. For entry forms or additional information contact Marlyn Neuberger at (989) 390-5846 or e-mail mneuberger@casdk12.net.

Baby Closet will be open monthly

The Crawford County Baby Closet will be open monthly on the first and third Thursday of the month. It will be open on Jan. 7 and Jan. 21, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. It is located at Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church, 400 Michigan Ave., Grayling.

Blood drives to be held

A Red Cross blood drive will be held on Tuesday, Jan. 5, from noon to 5:45 p.m., at St. Mary's Family Center and on Wednesday, Jan. 6, from 12 p.m. to 5:45 p.m. at the American Legion.

Community calendar available online

The Crawford County Avalanche has a community calendar on their new Web site. To view area happenings, or to be considered for publication of your event, go to www.crawfordcountyavalanche.com, click on community and go to the community calendar.

Hospice volunteer training to be held

Hospice volunteers are needed. Mercy Hospice will be holding a volunteer training, on Jan. 12 and 14, from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. at the Grayling Hospice Office, 324 Meadows Drive, (behind Pizza Hut, off I-75 Business Loop).

Volunteers are needed to assist a growing number of families in the Mercy Hospice service area which covers Crawford, Roscommon, and parts of Otsego, Ogemaw, Kalkaska and Oscoda counties. Volunteers are generally assigned to families within the community in which they reside.

Volunteers are an important part of the hospice interdisciplinary team which includes doctors, nurses, home health aides, social workers and spiritual care/bereavement counselors. Telephone calls are answered by a staff member available 24 hours a day who contacts the appropriate team member within 30 minutes.

Volunteers are asked to donate at least two hours a month assisting a family with activities that could include respite, errands, light homemaking or socialization/companionship. Volunteers can also be

involved in clerical work, bereavement and courier service. Volunteers are especially needed for and respite care for families.

Additional training is available for bereavement/grief volunteers.

The training program includes such topics as communication skills, family dynamics, grief loss support and body mechanics presented by a combination of hospice staff and guest speakers from the community.

"The information received in training proves beneficial to one's personal life as well as their volunteer activities," says Sherry Haag, Volunteer Coordinator for Mercy Hospice.

Patrick Hanafin, a volunteer for 13 years says, "I get much more from the clients than I give. They all have a story to tell, adventures to share and my job is to be there, listen and help where I can."

You can make a difference, be a Hospice volunteer. If you would like to register for training or for more information, contact the Mercy Hospice office at 989-348-4383 or 1-800-424-1457 from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m., Mon. - Fri.

M.A.T.E.S. employees raise holiday spirits



The M.A.T.E.S. employees held a luncheon for charity on Dec. 9 and raised over \$400 in cash and gifts for the Crawford County Christian Help Center. Pictured above (left to right) serving lunch is SFC Baker, SSG Masella, SPC Hatfield and SGT Dickie.

Raffle Winners

Grayling Youth Booster Club

The 50/50 raffle winners for Dec. 27 of \$25 each; Jim Brown, Terry Dinnen and Dan Canfield.

Grayling Lions Club

The winner of the Grayling Lions Club Lucky 13 raffle was Celia Southard.

Night Before Christmas held



The Night Before Christmas was the theme of the annual event held on Thursday, Dec. 17 at the Devereaux Memorial Library. Above, over 100 children attended the event along with their parents dressed in pajamas, treated themselves to Christmas stories, songs, crafts and hot cocoa in front of the fireplace along with Director Bambi Mansfield. Below, Howard Taylor and chorus members treated the crowd to amazing renditions of traditional Christmas carols.



Cross country ski by lantern light offered at Hartwick Pines

Hartwick Pines State Park will again be offering special evening ski events where skiers will have a chance to enjoy one of the park's groomed ski trails by lantern light.

If you have visited Hartwick Pines during daylight hours throughout the year, these evenings will definitely give you a different perspective of the park.

The ski nights will be from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. on the Saturday evenings of Jan. 2, 16 and 30, and Feb. 13 and 27.

Over 65 lanterns will be lit along the 1.25 mile, groomed cross-country ski trail.

The Michigan Forest Visitor Center will be open and visitors are welcomed to thaw out (or cool down) in the warming room where hot beverages (cider, tea, coffee and hot cocoa) and snacks will be offered. There is no charge to participate in these evening ski events however a daily motor vehicle permit is required to enter the park.

If you cannot make it to these evening events, come visit the park during the day

Library News

"Fun in Frederic" will be held at the Frederic Community Library on Saturday, Jan. 2, at 11 a.m. There will be stories, crafts and snacks. Call 348-4067 to sign up.

"Sit n'Knit" will be held at the Devereaux Memorial Library on Thursday, Jan. 7, at 10 a.m.

The first of a two part Puppet Making Workshop will be held at the Devereaux Memorial Library on Thursday, Jan. 7, at 6 p.m. This adult program will include materials and instruction on how to build polyfoam puppets. Call Jane at 348-9214, for information.

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On or about **1-07-2010** Crawford County will request the Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MSHDA) to release Federal funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (P.L.93-383) for the following project:

HRF Homeowner Rehabilitation Program
North Side - City of Grayling Targeted Strategy

\$243,900

The County of Crawford 2009 Housing Resource Fund (HRF) Homeowners Rehabilitation Program will assist in the rehabilitation and emergency repair of approximately 13 single-family, owner-occupied homes by the County at a per unit cost of \$25,000 for a total rehabilitation and \$5,000 for emergency repair projects. HRF program costs will be \$200,000. These homes are located in a target area within the City of Grayling, Crawford County and the assistance will be limited to families with low and moderate income. The rehabilitation effort will bring these homes into compliance with HUD's Housing Quality Standards in addition to addressing local code items. The assistance will be in the form of a deferred loan and/or local loan based on applicants combined household income not to exceed 80% AMI.

An Environmental Review Record respecting the aforementioned project has been made by Crawford County which documents the environmental review of the project. This Environmental Review Record is on file at Crawford County Home Improvement Program Office, 200 Michigan Avenue, Grayling, MI 49738. The records are available for public examination and copying upon request between the hours of 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Please contact Cy Wakeley, 989/344-3284 for further information.

Crawford County will undertake the project described above with CDBG funds, with Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974. Crawford County is certifying to the State of Michigan that Crawford County and David Stephenson in his official capacity as Chairman, Crawford County Board of Commissioners, consent to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities have been satisfied. The legal effect of the certification is that upon its approval, Crawford County may use the CDBG funds, and HUD will have satisfied its responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969.

MSHDA will accept an objection to its approval of the release of funds and acceptance of the certification only if it is on one of the following bases: (a) that the certification was not in fact executed by the chief executive officer or other officer of applicant approved by HUD; or (b) that applicant's environmental review record for the project indicates omission of a required decision finding or step application to the project in the environmental review process; or (c) other specific grounds in the HUD regulations at (24 CFR Part 58.75). Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedure (24 CFR Part 58), and may be addressed to James Espinoza, MSHDA CD Specialist, MSHDA, P.O. Box 30044, 735 East Michigan Avenue, Lansing, Michigan 48912.

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The Crawford AuSable School District Board of Education recognized Bambi Mansfield, director of Crawford County Library System, on Monday, Dec. 21, for her work in writing a grant for "The Big Read." The award money was used to benefit both the Grayling Middle School and Grayling High School. Jeff Branch, the Grayling Middle School principal, and Daniel Pummel, the Grayling High School principal, nominated Mansfield for the award, stating that her actions exemplify our vision statement "Growing to ... Greatness." Above, left are Grayling Middle School students who participated in a puppet show for the Big Read grant program under the direction of Chad Patterson, creative director for the Acting Up Theatre Company. Right, Mansfield is pictured with School Board trustee Rick Febey during the recognition.

Cub Scouts raise funds for charity



Cub Scout Pack #3993 held its third annual cake and cookie auction at the AuSable Primary School on Monday, Dec. 14. The scouts, a crowd of generous parents and the public raised over \$1,500 for charity. This year's charities were the AuSable Free Clinic and Hanson Hills youth programs. Above, Tiger Cub Scout Jacob Schade performs with antlers on his head at the fund-raiser. Below, Ben Quisler visits with Santa.



Military News

Travis Westover of Frederic, has joined the 46th Military Police Company, Michigan Army National Guard and is assigned as a Food Operations Specialist.

Westover will be attending Basic Training at Fort Jackson, SC in July 2010 and upon completion will be sent to Advanced Training at Fort Lee, Va. He is scheduled to graduate in Dec. 2010.

Westover is a Senior at Grayling High School and is the son of Sandra and Calvin Westover of Frederic.

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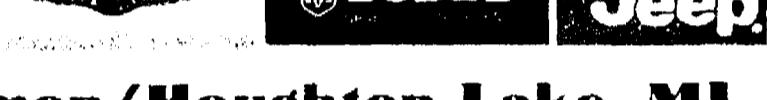
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Lone Pine spearheads projects for Christmas, winter months

If you have been to the Lone Pine Restaurant, you have probably seen someone crocheting, knitting or carrying in food for the collection box that is taken to Crawford County Community Christian Help Center every Friday.

It all started with Lone Restaurant owner Marilyn Stampfli making a hat out of yarn and flew from there. She had a stash of yarn and one by one the employees and regular customers joined her making hats.

To date, there have over 400 hats made by people from as far as 200 miles from Grayling, but most are knitted by the people from the community who frequent the restaurant. They complete a hat, return it, get more yarn and start the process over again.

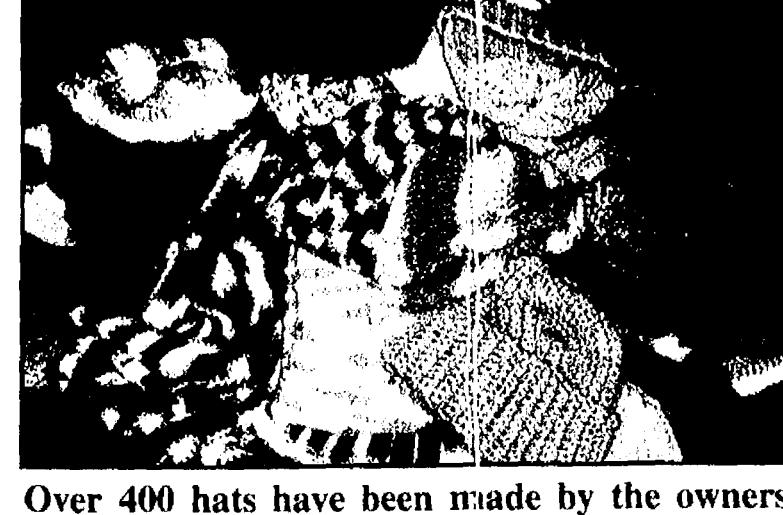
The hats are being distributed to children who do not have hats for the winter. Some have already gone as

far south to Sparta, to a bus driver to hand out to her bareheaded passengers that ride her school bus. Others have going to the Crawford County Community Christian Help Center, schools, churches and the Devereaux Memorial Crawford County Library for the annual Mitten Tree.

Stampfli is open for any requests that may come in since they are still making hats.

Besides hats, Stampfli and her brother John, put on an annual pancake supper for Grayling High School's (GHS) Project Graduation. The restaurant furnishes the pancakes, sausage and drinks for the all you can eat dinner. Members of the GHS senior class serve the customers, collect the money, buss the tables and wash the dishes. The class gets 100 percent of the proceeds from the dinner.

"I hope you can see from the above projects that this restaurant is of the old thought," said Shirley Johnston, a Lone Pine patron



Over 400 hats have been made by the owners and patrons of the Lone Pine Restaurant. Above, the hats have been distributed to the Crawford County Community Christian Help Center, schools, churches and the Devereaux Memorial Crawford County Library for the annual Mitten Tree.

who takes the collected food to the Crawford County Community Christian Help Center. "In times of need, you help in whatever way you can and that is exactly what goes at the Lone Pine."

During the Christmas holiday, the Lone Pine owners and staff prepare shoe boxes for the needy. The boxes

include a hat along with a toy, clothing, school supplies and another surprise item.

Johnston said a mitten project is also in the works. Donations of four-ply would be appreciated.

"My hat is off to the owners of the Lone Pine Restaurant and to the employees that have such big heart," Johnston said.

Business News



Marilyn Fick

Marilyn Fick received the Pioneer Award from Marketeer Magazine-Fall 2009.

Marilyn and her husband Charlie have been involved in Michigan's oil industry for over 50 years. Charlie previously received the Pioneer

Award, but Marilyn also deserved recognition for her role at C.F. Fick and Sons, Inc. according to Marketeer Magazine.

In the beginning they worked out of a Flint terminal in 1958 where Charlie was in the truck and Marilyn the bookkeeper.

In 1964 they moved north to Grayling and worked for the next 15 years from an office located in their home with Charlie in the truck and Marilyn the receptionist, secretary and bookkeeper. She would also help with fuel

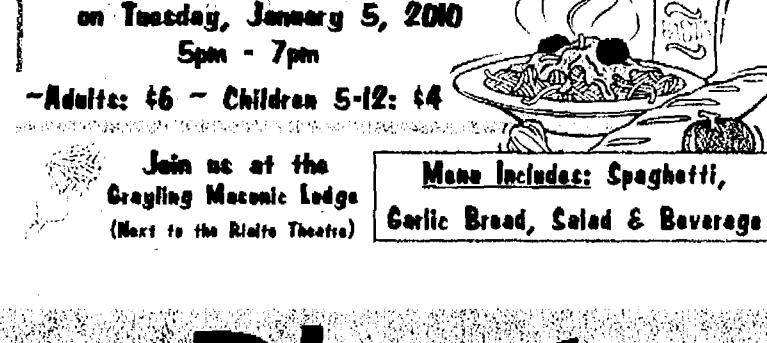
deliveries and setting and picking up tanks on nights and weekends.

Since the mid 1970s C.R.

Fick and Sons, Inc. has expanded to Charlie's Country Corner Travel Center on Four Mile Road in Grayling, has branch offices in Houghton Lake, Mikado, West Branch and Roscommon. In addition Charlie and Marilyn are owners to the Grayling Super 8 Motel next to the travel center.

Besides being active in the company Marilyn has helped raise four children as well as volunteer for many school, church and community activities. She currently has seven college age grandchildren.

Spending the winter months in Florida, Charlie and Marilyn continue to help out with C. F. Fick and Sons, Inc. throughout the summer months.



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Vikings sweep Hornets in varsity basketball doubleheader

Boys, girls win 85-46, 51-31 vs. Harrison on Tuesday

by Caleb Casey

Senior Staff Writer

The Grayling Vikings defeated the visiting Harrison Hornets 51-31 and 85-46 in a varsity basketball doubleheader played last Tuesday.

In the first game of the series, the GHS varsity girls basketball team won by 20 points vs. Harrison. The Vikings started strong and led 14-6 after one period. GHS led by 13 at halftime. Grayling took a 25-point advantage into the fourth quarter. The Vikings won 51-31.

"The key to our victory against Harrison was our consistency and intensity for 32 minutes. We came out strong and never let up," Coach Kelly Sheehan said.

Leading scorers for Grayling were: Ashley Feldhauser, 14 points, 7 rebounds, 2 blocks, 4

assists, 2 steals; Ann Hamlin, .8 points, 7 rebounds, 2 steals; Jo Hamlin, 7 points; Shalee Miller, 7 points, 6 assists, 5 steals; Teresa Schreiber, 6 points, 2 steals; Abby Thomas, 4 points, 9 rebounds, 2 blocks; Mackenzie Harwood, 3 points; Kirstie Wakeley, 2 points.

In the second game of the doubleheader, Grayling's varsity boys basketball squad outscored Harrison by 39 points, 85-46.

"I thought our kids did a nice job of moving the ball on offense and finding the open man. Our inside kids - (Griffin) Dean, (Jensen) Aubry, (Jake) Helsel, (Ethan) Lewis, and (Brent) Steffey - established our inside game early. Our inside kids are getting better at expanding their rebounding range and it is having a

positive effect on the defensive end of the court. Riley Zigila and David Bergan gave us some positive minutes on the perimeter with their defensive pressure and ability to run in the open court," Coach Rich Moffit said.

"Colin Hamlin was outstanding in running our offense. He plays the game the right way and is an outstanding leader," Coach Moffit said. "It was good to see James Schweizer hit a couple of three balls as soon as he entered the game. Steven Enos and Zane Tobin both did a nice job of taking what the defense gave them. The only negative from the game was that Jensen Aubry sprained his ankle. Hopefully we will get him back at 100 percent soon."

"We shot the ball very well from the perimeter - 12 for 22 from the three-point

line. Our kids are doing a nice job of attacking defensive gaps and setting up their teammates," Coach Moffit said.

Enos finished with 23 points (3 for 5 from three-point range). Tobin had 13 points. Bergan scored nine points, hitting three of four attempts from beyond the three-point arc. Zigila had nine points. Dean had six points and 10 rebounds. Helsel had six points and seven rebounds. Schweizer had six points. Hamlin had five points, eight assists, and four steals. Lewis had four points and eight rebounds.

All 11 players for Grayling posted at least two points and one steal in the contest.

Grayling's boys (3-0 overall) and girls (2-3 overall) varsity basketball teams will play at Houghton Lake on Tuesday, Jan. 5.

JV team outscores Hornets 35-7 in 2nd half of Thursday's win

Girls basketball squad falls to Harrison in first road game

The GHS junior varsity boys basketball squad, boosted by a strong second half effort, defeated the Harrison Hornets by 41 points, 59-18, on Thursday night in a game played at Harrison.

The Vikings led by 13 at halftime, 24-11, and outscored their opponent 35-7 in the final 16 minutes.

Grayling had 46 rebounds, 20 steals, 19 assists, and 23 turnovers.

"We learned a lot about floor spacing and ball reversals during this game. Once we eliminated some simple turnovers the offense really

took off. There was a lot of extra excitement with this game because we brought up four extra freshmen for some JV game experience and they played really well," Coach Chris Kucharek said.

Scorers for GHS: Scott Parkinson, 10 points; Jared Carlyle, 9 points; Louis Menard, 8 points; Thomas Burrell, 7 points; Jeff Enos, 6 points, 7 rebounds; Devon Dawson, 5 points; Ryan Roche, 4 points, 6 rebounds; Tyler Powers, 3 points, 4 steals; Wes Dean, 4 points.

The Vikings (2-1 overall, 0-1 league) will play at Houghton Lake on Monday, Jan. 4.

Houghton Lake on Monday, Jan. 4.

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After posting a 3-1 record in four home games to start the season, Grayling High School's JV girls basketball team lost 29-20 at Harrison on Thursday.

"The girls were not ready mentally for their first road game," Coach Craig Hofman said. "We came out flat and stayed that way offensively all night. Defensively we were not bad but rebounding the ball and loose balls hurt us. To Harrison's credit they did

what they needed to do: hit the open shot, get some rolls, and hustle all night. We helped a lot. We only converted one fast break lay-up and missed many others. We did not attack the basket the way we have. This is hopefully a learning experience for the girls."

Jamie Denton and Hannah Haven combined for 12 points (6 each) and 11 rebounds. Caitlin Prosser had 11 rebounds. Myriah Kuhn and Jennifer Lester each had two points.

Grayling (3-2 overall, 1-0 conference) will travel to Houghton Lake on Monday, Jan. 4.

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Pioneer League

Tim's Collision.....4 - 0
Legion.....3 - 1
T.C. Lawncare.....3 - 1
5B's.....2 - 2
Ole Dam.....2 - 2
Grayling Rest.....1 - 3
Riverland.....0 - 4
High Series: C. Clark, 502; L. Golnick, 499; C. LaMotte, 485.
High Game: L. Golnick, 200; C. Clark, 191; C. LaMotte, 189.

Friday Mixed Doubles

Don Nester.....67 - 38
Hill Top.....66 - 39
L & L Hauling.....63 - 42
American Legion....51 - 54
Northern Lawn....50 - 55
Moshier Auto....50 - 55
Double Trouble...39 - 66
Dharma Music....34 - 71
High Series Women: L. Hanson, 493; C. Osborne, 483; P. Younglove, 478. High Game Women: B. MacKinnon, 200; L. Hanson, 183; J. Williamson, 177. High Series Men: J. Lehman, 646; P. Benardo, 637; D. Canfield, 576. High Game Men: J. Lehman, 246; F. Periard, 237; P. Benardo, 224.

Thursday Morning Coffee Casino Bums

....32 - 20
Ladybugs:....30 - 22

Thanks "A Latte"....30 - 22

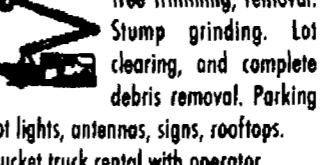
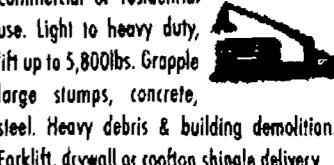
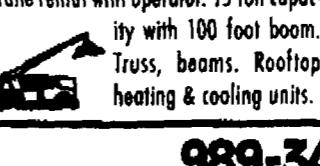
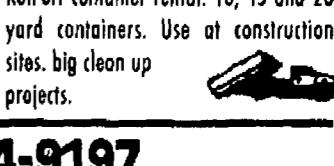
Wanna Bees.....28 - 24
Bill's Harem.....25 - 27
Snow Tops.....25 - 27
Fearless.....22.5 - 29.5
Bowling Buds....15.2 - 36.5
High Series Women: H. Stairs, 508; C. Clark, 501; P. Kennedy, 458. High Game Women: C. Clark, 203; K. Moshier, 191; H. Stairs, 183. High Series Men: P. Faustman, 541; B. Hollis, 514; S. Green, 497. High Game Men: P. Faustman, 212; S. Green, 191; B. Holton, 187.

MMA



Dave Shepherd, a local mixed martial arts fighter and trainer, recently won the King of the Cage world lightweight (155) pro belt, defeating the defending champion by forcing a tap out in the first round. "Dave proved you don't have to come from a world renowned training camp or the big city to make your mark in this sport. This win is a major step for Dave. He turned a lot of heads with this win," said local MMA fighter Paul Martin. "Grayling should be proud of this young man. He worked hard for this and great things are yet to come."

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*From the pages of the
Crawford County Avalanche*

Happy New Year!

With 2009 at an end, the *Crawford County Avalanche* presents its annual Year In Review.

The Year In Review includes article summaries from stories featured in 2009 *Crawford County Avalanche* editions.

Article summaries are listed according to the newspaper edition date in which the story appeared.

The 2009 Year In Review will be published in two parts. This week's *Crawford County Avalanche* includes the months of January through June. The months of July through December will be featured in next week's issue.

January

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An order to dismiss appeals filed by the U.S. Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management was entered in the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals; allowing the Anglers of the AuSable, the Sierra Club and Tim Mason, the grandson of George Mason, who fought a permit to drill a gas near the pristine Mason Tract in federal court on behalf of anglers, hikers and canoeists, to claim victory in a tenuous five-year legal battle.

The Crawford County Commission on Aging (COA) was spotlighted on two fronts at the state level. First, Alice Snyder, the director of the Crawford County Commission on Aging, was appointed to the State Advisory Council on Aging. The Grayling Senior Center was also featured in a copy of *Michigan Generations*, which is published by Michigan's Area Agencies on Aging. The article focused on Michigan's senior centers around the state and how they are choosing innovative ways to meet the needs of the changing senior market.

Four teams competed in the first Grayling Men's Basketball Alumni Game at the Grayling High School.

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"Shelby" and "Riley," two pit bulls owned by Ken and Dawn Minard, were granted an 11th hour appeal from a court order to be euthanized when an appeal was filed in their case.

Ed Hartig, a Grayling wood carver who nearly has no use of his right hand, helped some gift givers spread the holiday spirit by having his work for sale at The Brickery, a gifts, arts and antiques store in Grayling.

After 24 years of dedicated service, Ron Schrieber retired from his post as the local Disabled American Veterans (DAV) Department of Michigan Field Service Officer. He worked out of the Michigan Veteran's Trust Fund Office in the Crawford County building.

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Officials at Weyerhaeuser's Grayling Strand Technologies mill located south of Grayling

said they will move forward with a full work force of employees during the struggling economy. Company leaders said the Grayling Strand Technologies mill will respond to the fluctuation of supply and demand for the Oriented Strand Board the mill produces by holding strong.

In an effort to increase awareness of the AuSable River and the surrounding communities, a team of community leaders is prepared to launch the first ever "AuSable River Expo."

Three weeks before a trial was supposed to commence that may have split fire department assets and equipment between Grayling Charter Township and the City of Grayling, both sides are digging in their heels and pointing fingers as contract negotiations continued.

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A veteran northern Michigan police officer was handed the reins of the Grayling City Police Department. Doug Baumgart was hired to serve as Grayling's new police chief. He replaced Karl Schreiner, who resigned in September after serving 31 years with the department.

Dawn and Ken Minard, the owners of pit bulls Shelby and Riley, placed signs in the windows of their van and drove around Grayling to raise awareness of the battle they are having with the Crawford County Animal Control Office.

Grayling Middle School librarian Wendy Kucharek gave both students and teachers at Grayling Middle School a reading challenge with the school's annual "Pennies for Pages" fund-raiser.

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Myra and Ray Priebe Jr., sons David and Daniel, age 18, Austin, age 16, and grandmother Clarence Jorella took a six-day trip to Washington D.C. to witness the preparations, inauguration and aftermath of President Barack Obama's entrance into the White House.

Over a year after filing a lawsuit against the City of Grayling over fire department operations, the Grayling Charter Township Board agreed to sign a contract with the city for fire services.

The Crawford County Board of Commissioners agreed to let court officials hike the fee for criminal and civil infractions to pay for dedicated bailiffs in the courtrooms. The fees collected for criminal and civil infractions were raised by \$7, which generated about \$23,000 to be able to have two part-time bailiffs available for courtroom coverage.

February

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Department of Natural Resources officials said they were done considering plans for the \$160 million Mainstreet

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letes participated in the new bowling league.

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Perhaps by accident, Grayling residents Jim and Joyce Kolka instilled a lifelong love of all things comic related in their son, Kurt. In turn, he passed his passion for the funny pages onto his daughter, Rebekah, who recently had her work published in the nationally syndicated comic strip "Alley Oop."

Grayling musher Tim Riley pulled out of the rookie class for the 2009 Iditarod race in Alaska due to a tight budget, but offered Crawford County residents and visitors the opportunity to take tours behind his four-legged friends.

"Serving" Irving McIsaac, one of the founders for the Grayling Youth Booster Club who raised over \$100,000 for youth sports fields and projects, left a legacy to follow in Grayling when he died at the age of 88.

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Crawford County District Court Judge Monte J. Burmeister filed a motion to have Lawrence Edward Baumgart, 48, appear in court to review the conditions of his probation, fines, court costs and restitution.

Baumgart was convicted of one count of animal-abandoning/cruelty after a one day jury trial held in June 2007 for the abuse of a yellow labrador named "Thor." Burmeister reminded Baumgart that he still owed \$4,113.83 for the case.

Landowners, anglers and conservationists won a battle to keep water discharged from an oil and gas well facility out of the headwaters of the AuSable River.

The Michigan Supreme Court, by a 4-3 vote, reversed a previous order requesting the Michigan Court of Appeals to review a remediation permit that had the potential to cause erosion and impact the water quality of the AuSable River.

Grayling High School graduate Chris Wright, author of the "Michigan Chillers" book series, who is better known by his pen name, Jonathan Rand, visited Grayling Elementary School to help students with a public speaking project that also supported AuSable Valley Animal Shelter website.

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The Weyerhaeuser Company announced that its iLevel Strand Technology (Oriented Strand Board) mill in Grayling will implement a reduced operating posture, due to weak product demand.

A new Special Olympics bowling league, founded by coaches Valerie Brown and her brother-in-law, Mike Brown, completed their first season at the American Legion Lounge and Lanes. The Browns, who coach a local volleyball program for the Special Olympics, observed that mentally challenged individuals sometimes miss out on Special Olympics programs once they graduate from COOR or other educational organizations. Six ath-

The Crawford County Board of Commissioners kicked up the development of new youth soccer fields at the county's sports complex. The board pledged \$60,000 towards the first phase of a soccer field development planned by the Crawford AuSable Soccer Association.

While most of northern Michigan grudgingly tolerated the recent spell of sub-zero weather, seven boys and three adult leaders from local Boy Scout Troop #979 saw it as a great opportunity to earn their Polar Bear Badges. Scouts earn the award by camping out overnight. They must be in the environment for a minimum of 18 hours in temperatures equal to or below 32 degrees.

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Camp Grayling received a large chunk of federal stimulus funding to improve energy efficiency and modernize other services at the military base.

The Camp Grayling Military Training Center received \$3.8 million to modernize water and sewer services, improve its electrical system to make the base more energy efficient and to make road improvements.

The Crawford County Board of Commissioners met with continued fears of funneling traffic lanes down through Grayling, missing potential tourism business and creating safety hazards.

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All municipalities in Crawford County have come through with funds to support county-wide recycling operations. The last contribution means that the recycling center had \$8,000 to hire a part-time employee that will work at the center up to 20 hours per week.

Grayling Recreation Authority (GRA) Director Justin Andre reported that Hanson Hills just finished a landmark winter season. During a ski season when many vacationers did not have a surplus of cash, it is likely that Hanson Hills was an appealing alternative to more expensive resorts.

Dharma Records owners Diane Chamberlain and Allen Bondar made a big move in order to stay afloat in a struggling music industry, moving their four-in-one music store, recording studio, teaching center and consignment shop from

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its former location on Michigan Avenue to the I-75 Business Loop across from the Marathon gas station.

A three-part series paying tribute to Fred Bear and Bear Archery, featuring Crawford County residents who worked at the archery plant, was recently unveiled on a bow hunting website. The online videos, produced by Earl Gossett of Traditional Bowhunters Journal, were filmed on the banks of the Headwaters of the AuSable River behind Fred Bear's former home.

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Jan Thayer bowled a 299 game, one pin short of a perfect game, on March 3 during the City Association Tournament at the American Legion Lounge and Lanes. Thayer was the overall winner in singles action for the tournament.

A Grayling Township man escaped a potential 15-year prison sentence with a plea deal for a hit and run fatality that resulted in the death of a Mio man. William Roger Gildner Jr., 48, plead guilty to operating without security (automobile insurance) and operating without a valid driver's license. A charge of operating under the influence of liquor causing death was dropped by Crawford County Prosecutor Everett "Trey" Ayers for the agreement. The charge carried a 15-year prison sentence and a \$10,000 fine.

Decades 101.1 WQON radio play-by-play sports team of commentators Tom McCord and Rich Calkins, with producer Dave Sherbert, were recognized with a Michigan Association of Broadcaster's Broadcast Excellence Award. Their submission was a commentary on the Oct. 17, 2008, Grayling High School vs. Traverse City St. Francis football game.

About a dozen church youth group members hit the streets of Grayling to collect food for the shelves at the Crawford County Community Christian Help Center. The youngsters from Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church were taking part in a statewide event called Sound Off for Poverty, sponsored by Love Inc.

April

The Crawford County Commission on Aging revealed results of a Consumers Needs Assessment sent to seniors in the county. Priorities that came to the top of the list were creating volunteer programs to help seniors address minor and major home repairs and to help do yard work. The home repair program will be modeled after a similar initiative done in the Grand Rapids area called "Tuesday Toolmen."

Explanations from Michigan Department of Transportation officials for project staging and the ultimate benefits of the I-75 Business Loop reconstruction project were met with continued fears of funneling traffic lanes down through Grayling, missing potential tourism business and creating safety hazards.

After taking first place in the Webelos Two division and winning the "Judge's Choice Award" at Grayling's Pinewood Derby, Grayling Cub Scout J.C. Bertram swept the district competition in Clare. He won the Webelos Two division competition at the district level and took fourth place overall.

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The JC Penney Afterschool Fund awarded a \$1,000 grant to Crawford AuSable Day Care to provide children in the Grayling area with access to safe, afterschool programs.

Made on behalf of JC Penney Catalog Merchant Jamie Greer, the grant will help Crawford AuSable Day Care provide local children in need with access to life enriching afterschool programs that keep them safe and foster their academic, physical and social development.

Sarah Medler of Grayling and her horse Ares, an 8-year-old Friesian owned by Sarah and her mother, Susan Medler, were awarded the Friesian Horse Association of North America President's Trophy for Non-Dressage for the 2008 show year.

"BJ's Storms a Brewin," aka Rayn, a 4-year-old registered Appaloosa gelding owned and shown by Deb Robinson of Grayling, was recognized as

Halter Champion with the Sundance 500 International, a worldwide organization that promotes and supports the Appaloosa Stallion "Sundance 500" bloodline.

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Anglers of the AuSable, a nonprofit organization dedicated to preserving, protecting and enhancing the AuSable River system for future generations, announced a double-match grant from the Orvis Company and National Fish and Wildlife Federation. The money raised will help restore woody debris in the South Branch of the AuSable River as well as stabilize eroding banks damaged by logging companies in the last century.

Crawford County Clerk/Register of Deeds Sandra Moore reported that 168 petitions containing 1,604 signatures were filed in her office to force a referendum vote on the issuance of \$1.5 million in bonds to pay for renovations and additions to the former Grayling Fish Hatchery building for a new home for the Grayling Senior Center.

A group called Community Garden Friends kicked off its efforts to establish a community garden for Grayling seniors and residents. The garden was located on five acres of land, located off of Madsen Street, which is owned by the Carl W. Borchers VFW Post #3736. The land was donated to the veterans organization by the late Beth Seator.

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The highly publicized nationwide "TEA Party" protests did not escape the attention of Crawford County residents, some of whom decided to join in the protest with a TEA Party of their own at the Gray Rock Cafe. Organizers of the nationwide event took advantage of "tax day" to protest increased government spending. The recent protests used the word "TEA" as an acronym for "Taxed Enough Already."

46th Circuit Trial Court Judge Janet M. Allen sentenced William Roger Gildner Jr., 48, to serve one year in jail for operating without security (automobile insurance) and 93 days in jail for operating without a valid driver's license. Gildner was accused of hitting Neil Louis Pearce, 50, who was walking on M-72 West near the Grayling Hospital for Animals around 10:45 p.m. on Jan. 17, 2007. Pearce was not discovered until the next morning.

The Winners Circle Art Gallery celebrated its grand opening as it participated in the Watershed Art Project's Spring Art Walk. The gallery is named the "Winners Circle" because each artist being represented is required to have won an award in a juried fine art competition. The artists worked out an agreement with Kelly Yousoufian, who owns the building and operates under the name Apollo's Lyre.

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Like the students in the Crawford AuSable School District who are graduating or moving up a grade, a pair of Crawford County Sheriff's deputies are taking the next steps in their law enforcement careers. Crawford County Sheriff Kirk Wakefield replaced Deputy Jason Alexander, who has been the school liaison officer for the Crawford AuSable School District for the last four years, with Deputy Chase Barnett.

Despite recent cutbacks in production, Weyerhaeuser Company renewed its commitment as the primary sponsor of the AuSable River Canoe Marathon.

About 35 people attended a Self Defense/Awareness For Women program at the Devereaux Memorial Crawford County Library. Crawford County Sheriff Kirk Wakefield, the guest speaker for the program, offered some safety tips for the women in attendance.

William John Bonkowski III plead guilty to maintaining a drug house in Crawford County District Court. The charge is a two-year, high-court misdemeanor and is treated like a felony charge by Department of Corrections and judicial officials. In exchange for the plea, two counts of controlled substance-delivery/manufacture marijuana were dropped.

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May

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The Beaver Creek Township Planning Commission unanimously voted to deny a special use permit application sought by Delores Guay for her Leaning Oaks Cat Haven. Guay was given 120 days, until Aug. 31, to cease operations. Neighbors complained that a large number of stray and feral cats have been urinating and leaving feces around their homes and property and blamed Guay for the problem.

Fifteen Grayling residents returned from a mission trip to Mexico, where they worked to build an orphanage through the "Tapestries of Life" program. The Grayling Free Methodist Church has been closely involved in the project for over a year, regularly organizing week-long volunteer trips.

Daytime television host and popular chef Rachael Ray donated 500 lbs of Isaboo Boosotti treats to the AuSable Valley Animal Shelter through "Rachael's Rescue," a program serving to nourish, love and protect rescued and homeless animals across the nation. The treats were placed in an old-fashioned gumball machine donated to the shelter to allow shelter visitors to provide treats to the animals and raise funds for the shelter.

Crawford County residents who failed to fill out questionnaires to serve on a jury got their own day in court. Over 300 potential jurors who failed to fill out questionnaires for 2008-09 jury duty were summoned into Crawford County Court to explain why they failed to meet their civic duty.

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The Grayling High School Student Senate, the athletic department and the administration hosted its annual Academic Awards Achievement Reception. George Blaha, play-by-play broadcaster, sports announcer, the voice of the Detroit Pistons and Michigan State University football, served as the evening's keynote speaker. The Class of 2009 Top Ten students were introduced as well as the Lake Michigan Conference All-Academic Team.

The Crawford County Board of Commissioners learned that they will have a minor setback before proceeding with an addition and renovation project to the county building. County Administrator Paul Compo said that an asbestos survey was done in the county building as part of the planning for the county's addition and renovation project. Results of the survey determined that regulated asbestos containing material was found in the first floor foyer, two rest rooms adjacent to the foyer, the staircase off the foyer, the basement landing located at the bottom of the stairs and the two rest rooms adjacent to the basement landing.

The Crawford County Board of Commissioners voted to approve ballot language for a referendum vote that asked voters to decide if up to \$1.5 million in bond funds will be used to relocate the Grayling Senior Center to the former Grayling Fish Hatchery building. The county board also

approved a 0.3 of a mill request for 20 years that would allow the Commission on Aging to build a new senior center on east side of the AuSable River just south of North Down River Road.

The Lovells Township Historical Society posted the official results from their first Leaky Waders 1K Run, held as part of their annual Trout Opener. Rick Lindner from Chicago and Dr. Wendy Frye of Gaylord took the men's and women's first place awards.

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After a brief retreat, the Disabled American Veterans opted to keep their field service officer, John P. Demorest, as a part-time employee instead of a total layoff in light of the state budget crisis.

Staff from the Grayling U.S. Post Office took part in the National Letter Carriers Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive. Dave Hoecherl, delivery supervisor for the Grayling Post Office, said local letter carriers collected 91 tubs of food - estimated by Crawford County Community Christian Help Center volunteers to be valued at \$2,050.

As part of the same cultural exchange program that brought Japanese wrestlers to Michigan, 17 Michigan wrestlers planned to go to Japan this summer, including Matt Townsend of Grayling.

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Huron Pines and the Paul H. Young Chapter of Trout Unlimited, through support from the Michigan Clean Water Corps, partnered to organize a project to begin sampling five sites in the Upper Manistee River Watershed. Volunteers visited the selected sites and collected aquatic macro-invertebrates (underwater bugs and other organisms) which were then sorted and identified. Based on the community and abundance of these aquatic organisms, the quality of the water at each site could be inferred.

Chunks from a broken semi-brake rotor charred about five acres of property along I-75 in the Frederic area. Frederic Township Fire Department Chief Doug Pratt said hot particles were thrown on both sides of the expressway, which started several small fires, just shy of the 264 mile marker. Pratt said police were sent searching for the vehicle, but were unable to locate the rig. The fire burned about six acres of land, which was mostly contained to the median, but did spread to the shoulder of the expressway.

Crawford County officials passed on a proposal to put a county-wide millage on the ballot to pay for recycling until they could gather more information and gauge the use of recycling services offered.

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The winner of the Miss Marathon Pageant 2009 was Elisabet Warsko, the daughter of Ingunn Stadler and Jeff Stadler. The first runner-up was Melissa Kocefas, the daughter of Pete Kocefas and Cathy Czuba. The second runner-up was Sara Trudgeon, the daughter of Rene and Kathy Trudgeon. The best of gown and best of talent went to Ann Hamlin. Miss Congeniality went to Allie Barber.

June

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Crawford County's ORV ordinance, which was passed by the Crawford County Board of Commissioners, went into effect, making it legal for ORV operators to ride on some designated roads in the county, while other roads are closed due to safety and environmental concerns.

In September 2008, Marjorie Gonzales, a senior member service representative, and Deborah Reese, branch coordinator/manager at the Northland Area Federal Credit Union in Grayling, found an injured Rock Dove in the parking lot. Pat Sprague, a Grayling volunteer for the Association to Rescue Kritters, picked up the Rock Dove. The bird spent the winter recovering from the wound. Gonzales and Reese were given the honor of releasing the bird behind the Northland Area Credit Union.

A piece of Four Mile Road - three miles, from the railroad tracks to Staley Lake Road, a section that the Crawford County Road Commission considered changing from pavement to gravel due to the poor condition of the current asphalt surface - will not be converted.

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The AuSable Primary School was designated as a Michigan Green School. Michigan Green Schools is a nonprofit agency dedicated to assisting all Michigan schools - public and private - achieve environmental goals which include protecting the air, land, water and animals of our state.

The body of a Wixom woman missing since May was unearthed in southern Crawford County. The woman was identified as Kelly Marie Durberg, 50, of Wixom, who had been missing since late May. Durberg was last seen in Plymouth on May 22 and her vehicle was later found in Detroit. Joseph Damian Susalla, 49, of Howell, was arrested in Detroit in connection with Durberg's disappearance.

Michigan Department of Corrections officials announced that Crawford County will lose 100 jobs and Camp Lehman - a prison facility that has called the area home for 46 years - will be closed. The move was part of a sweeping reorganization of the state's correctional facilities designed to ensure public safety while achieving significant cost savings.

Taylor DesEnfants, a two-sport athlete with golf being his secondary sport, placed second out of a field of 90 golfers in the Division 3 State Finals. DesEnfants was Grayling's only golfer competing at the state meet.

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The Crawford County Board of Commissioners shelved a plan to levy a \$90 fee that would have been charged to builders for reroofing, residing and installing windows.

Jenna Frankowski, an AmeriCorps member and Michigan Youth Opportunities Initiative mentor at the Grayling Department of Human Services office, assumed the role as chairwoman for the AuSable

Festival's Kids Day. Barb Bowers, who has served as chairwoman for the event for several years, announced she could not head up Kids Day due to health issues.

Friends and family bid farewell to 170 Michigan National Guard soldiers during a deployment ceremony held at the Grayling High School. The soldiers, assigned to the 1434th Engineer Company from Camp Grayling's Maneuver Training Center, trained for eight weeks at Fort McCoy, Wis., before deploying to Iraq.

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Construction was wrapped for a Crawford County Habitat for Humanity home being built in Grayling Charter Township. The home was built at 505 Date Street for Danyelle and Mike Arwood and their sons Ethan, age 4, and Austin, age 2. The home is the 11th home being built by the Crawford County Habitat for Humanity. Just days before a blitz began to start construction of the home, the Arwoods learned that Austin was diagnosed with Stage Four neuroblastoma - a common childhood cancer which has infected his bone marrow. Austin went through a regimen of chemotherapy treatments at DeVos Children's Hospital in Grand Rapids.

Jon Handy, 22, competed at the USASA slope style finals at Copper Mountain, Colo. To qualify for the event, Handy competed in four out of five events in the Huck Finn Regional Division around Michigan. At competitions in Brighton, Alpine Valley, Schuss Mountain and Crystal Mountain he came in first in the slope style events at each location.

Dozens of police officers, firefighters and emergency responders bid farewell to a fallen comrade and Frederic Township resident. Ogemaw County Sheriff's Deputy Michael Girard died in a one car accident around 8 a.m. on Wednesday, June 17, while traveling from his Frederic Township home to a medical appointment in Gaylord. He was 47.



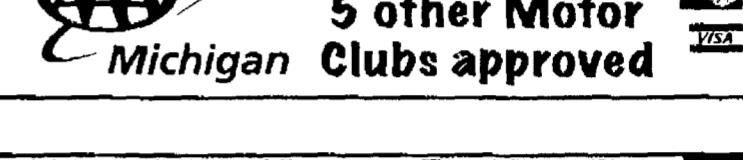
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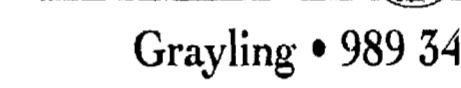
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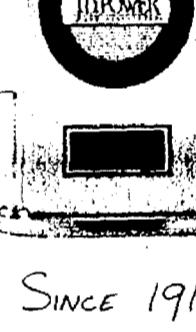
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STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT CRAWFORD COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT - FAMILY DIVISION

PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF HEARING FILE NO. 09-7616-NC

In the matter of JAMIE MICHELLE GUGIN
TAKE NOTICE:
A Hearing will be held on a Petition for Name Change Date: Thursday, February 25, 2010 Time: 2:00 p.m.
Place: Crawford County Probate Court
Petitioner: Jamie Michelle Gugin

Proposed Name: Jamie Michelle Sisco

Date 12/9/09
Jamie Gugin
7839 Silsby Rd.
Roscommon, MI 48653

Trust Company, as Trustee of the IndyMac INDEX Mortgage Trust 2007-FLX4, Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2007-FLX4 under the Pooling and Servicing Agreement dated May 1, 2007 by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Seventy-One Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty-Eight and 73/100 Dollars (\$171,758.73) including interest at 6.75% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue at the front door of the County Building in Grayling in Crawford County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on JANUARY 27, 2010. Said premises are located in the Township of Beaver Creek, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as Lot 127, Holiday Heights Number 2, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Plat Liber 3, Page 41, Crawford County Records. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. If you are a tenant in the property, please contact our office as you may have certain rights. Dated: December 31, 2009 Orlans Associates, P.C. Attorneys for Servicer P.O. Box 5041 Troy, MI 48007-5041 248-502-1400 File No. 225,4393 ASAP# 3388115 12/31/2009, 01/07/2010, 01/14/2010, 01/21/2010

Michigan, lying South of Middle Thread of the AuSable River, Crawford County Records. The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. If you are a tenant in the property, please contact our office as you may have certain rights. Dated: December 31, 2009 Orlans Associates, P.C. Attorneys for Servicer P.O. Box 5041 Troy, MI 48007-5041 248-502-1400 File No. 225,4393 ASAP# 3388115 12/31/2009, 01/07/2010, 01/14/2010

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NOTICE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY. MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by David E. Bunting, married and Catherine M. Bunting, married, joint tenants, to First Financial Services, Inc., Mortgagor, dated April 15, 2005 and recorded April 25, 2005 in Liber 675, Page 133, Crawford County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by Fifth Third Mortgage Company by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Thirteen Thousand Three Hundred Fifty-Five and 34/100 Dollars (\$113,355.34) including interest at 6.625% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue at the front door of the County Building in Grayling in Crawford County,

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Legal Action

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by David E. Bunting and Catherine M. Bunting, husband and wife, joint tenants with rights of survivorship, original mortgagor(s), to First Financial Services, Inc., Mortgagee, dated February 12, 2004, and recorded on June 17, 2004 in Liber 669 on Page 132, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Fifth Third Mortgage Company as assignee as documented by an assignment, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Fifty-Seven Thousand Nine Hundred Nine And 05/100 Dollars (\$57,909.05), including interest at 5.875% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on January 13, 2010. Said premises are situated in Township of Beaver Creek, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 128, Holiday Heights No. 2, according to the plat recorded in Liber 3 of Plats, Page 41 Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: December 10, 2009

For more information, please call:

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Irene A. Sawdy, a single woman, of 243 Ballanger, Apt. 1, Roscommon, Michigan 48653 and NPB Mortgage, LLC, a Michigan limited liability company, whose address is 3333 Deposit Drive, NE, Grand Rapids, Michigan 49546, dated December 2, 2005, and recorded on December 9, 2005, in Liber 678, Page 925 of the Crawford County Register of Deeds, and upon which there is now claimed to be due for principal and interest the sum of Twenty Six Thousand Nine Hundred Eighty Five Dollars and Forty Five Cents (\$26,985.45), which continues to accrue interest at the rate of 11.60%, and no suit or proceedings at law having been instituted to recover the debt or any part thereof.

Dated: December 10, 2009

For more information, please call:

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Gregory L. Gothro and Susan Gothro, husband and wife, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated September 30, 2005, and recorded on October 14, 2005 in Liber 677 on Page 878, and assigned by said Mortgagee to OneWest Bank, FSB as assignee as documented by an assignment, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Fifty-Seven Thousand Nine Hundred Nine And 05/100 Dollars (\$57,909.05), including interest at 5.875% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on January 13, 2010. Said premises are situated in Township of Beaver Creek, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 39, Williams Wilderness, Township of South Branch, Crawford County, Michigan, according to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 4 of Plats, Page 32, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: December 24, 2009

For more information, please call:

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Judith A Hazelton, an unmarried woman, original mortgagor(s), to Independent Mortgage Co. Central Mi, Mortgagee, dated July 10, 2007, and recorded on July 17, 2007 in Liber 687 on Page 659, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Wells Fargo Bank, NA as assignee as documented by an assignment, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Fifty-Nine Thousand Three Hundred Sixty-Three And 73/100 Dollars (\$59,363.73), including interest at 7% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on January 27, 2010.

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All that part of the North 1/2 of the South 1/2 of the South 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 1, Town 26 North, Range 4 West, lying Westerly of the Ausable River

assignment, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Three Hundred Two Thousand Three Hundred Fifty And 23/100 Dollars (\$302,350.23), including interest at 5.5% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on January 27, 2010.

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Dated: December 24, 2009

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The redemption period shall be six (6) months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a in which case the redemption period shall be thirty (30) days from the date of such sale.

Dated: December 24, 2009

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assignment, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Eighty-Two Thousand Eight Hundred Thirty-Two And 13/100 Dollars (\$82,832.13), including interest at 6% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on January 13, 2010. Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Parcel 7: South 1/2 of the North 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 9, Town 26 North, Range 2 West.

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: December 10, 2009

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Features

A LOOK AT OUR PAST FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE



January 1, 1987- Crawford County Clerk Beth Wieland gives the oath of office to county commissioners elected in the November. Voted to begin serving in 1987 are (from the left) Earl Haight, Jeannette Kitchen, Larry Mattis, Mary Harland, John Miller and William Ruddy.

23 Years Ago

January 1, 1987

A new program to improve highway safety and reduce drunk driving will be started during the New Year holiday period in Crawford County. The program, called Alert Cab, will provide free taxi rides home to patrons of public drinking establishments who are faced with a potential drunk driving situation. Operators of participating taverns and restaurants will be provided with a confidential number, which can be used to call a cab to take the patron home.

Eight Grayling seniors are seeing the honor of winning the title of Miss

Grayling 1987.

Contestants this year are Julie Brooks, Sherry Hamilton, Crystal Herdon, Kristin Lademan, Yvonne Moshier, Sandy Priebe, Katie Tinker and Amy Smith.

46 Years Ago

January 1, 1964

The Arrowhead Inn will be open weekends only during the winter months. They will be open Friday, Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

The Frederic Community Grade School presented their Christmas pageant in the high school auditorium, with 130 children participating, on December 19. The theme

was "A Christmas Story in Scripture and Song."

The Grayling Vikings, in a tie with the Harbor Springs Rams in the middle of the Northern Class C Conference basketball standings with two wins and two losses, are idle this week and will not get back into action until a week from Friday, when they are slated to travel to Mancelona to meet the Ironmen.

Fred Reichelderfer has left his position at the Chief Shoppenagon's Motor Hotel to work in the Cliff Peterson office.

The Pete Stephens moved to Kalkaska to make their home. Pete has been working there for the past month at the Fuller Transmission Division, Eaton Manufacturing Division.

A & P has bananas for 9¢ per pound, Tang drink mix for 89¢, paper towels

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69 Years Ago

January 2, 1941

The ideal set-up at Camp Grayling as training grounds for Michigan artillery regiments is being urgently brought before the attention of the war department.

WPA officials today

looked back on a year of

accomplishments in Crawford County.

A review shows that over five miles of new gravel road has been constructed. In addition a reinforced concrete slab bridge has been constructed and 100 feet of culvert pipe installed.

A school lunch program just opened at Frederic serving a nourishing meal to 75 students and many other accomplishments.

92 Years Ago

January 3, 1918

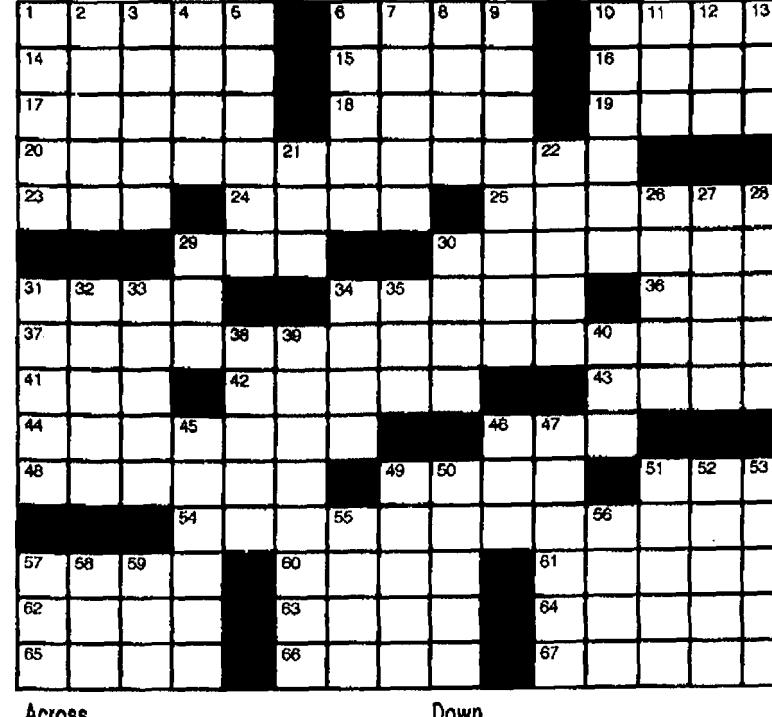
Miss Lillian Bates returned to Rochester to resume her teaching duties there after spending the holidays at her home here.

Charles Fehr caught a pike at Portage Lake Sunday that weighed 26 1/2 pounds and measured 47 inches. This is the largest reported so far this year.

E.S. Houghton has resigned his position as county treasurer and will devote his time to lumbering operations.

The home of Carl Jenson on the south side was badly damaged by fire New Year's morning. The fire started from an overheated stove, flames first being discovered coming through the roof by neighbors. All the furnishings were moved to safety.

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 - Chills and fever
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 - ___-en-scene
 - Awful smell
 - Expert
 - Bad day for Caesar
 - Chip away at
 - Broadcast
 - British tax
 - Extend, in a way
- Ammonia derivative
 - Lake, city in central Washington
 - Teardrop-shaped items
 - cycle
 - Bag
 - Academy Award
 - Of the nature of peat
 - Handbag
 - Atomic number 17
 - "Who ___?"
 - Furthermore
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 - sauce
 - Do-it-yourselfer's purchase
 - Curtain fabric
 - Pelvic bones
 - "Snowy" bird
 - Reprocess
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 - Building block
 - "Two Women" Oscar winner
 - Atmospheres
 - Cheat, in a way
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 - Beasts of burden
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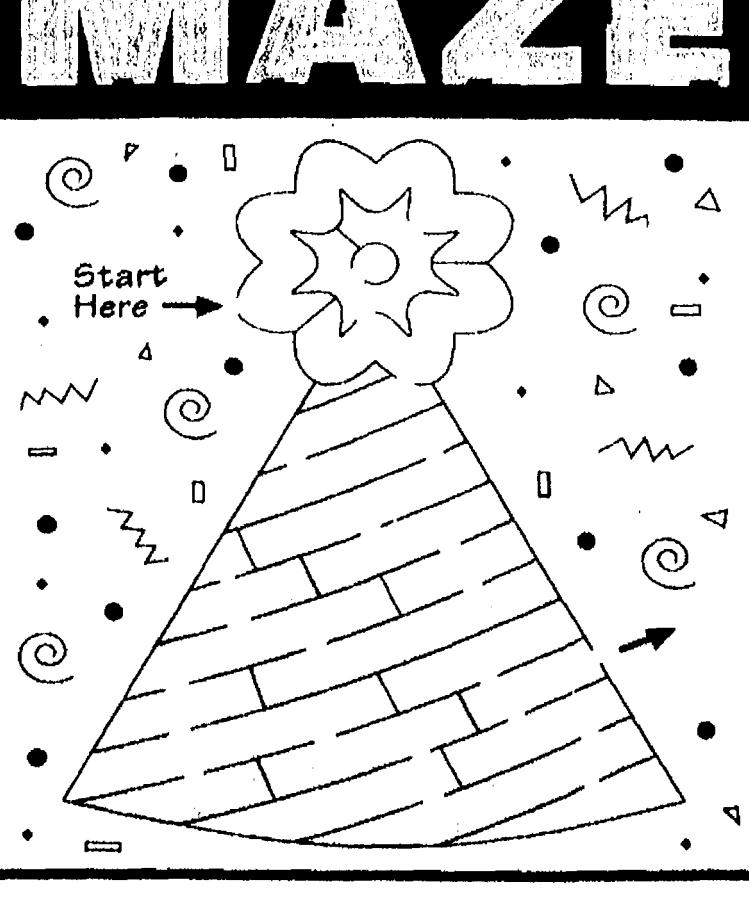
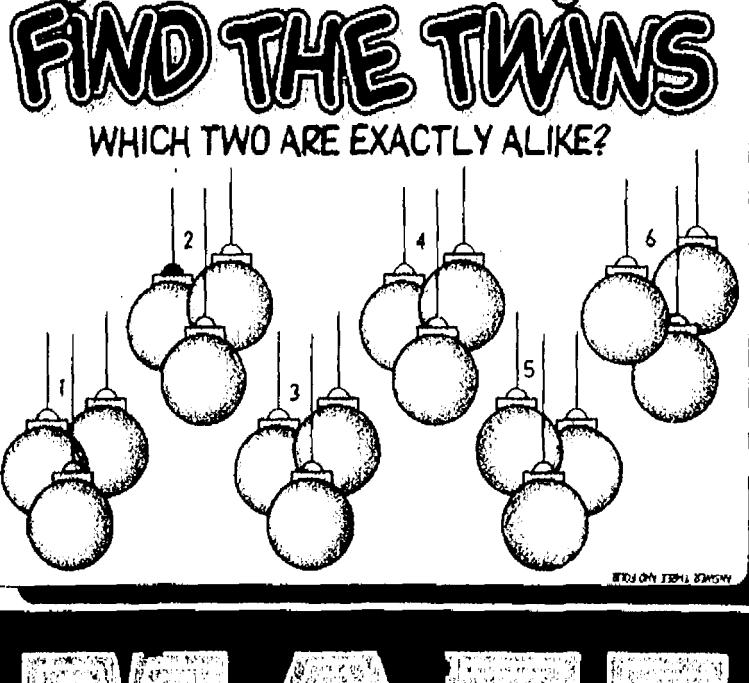
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RECIPE OF THE WEEK

EASY TURKEY TORTILLA ROLL-UPS

Ingredients:

- 3 flour tortillas (6 inch)
- 3 Tbsp. chive and onion cream cheese
- 12 slices deli fresh shaved smoked turkey breast
- 3/4 cup shredded lettuce

Directions: Spread tortillas with cream cheese; top with turkey. Place lettuce on bottom halves of tortillas; roll up. Cut each into 4 slices. Substitute: prepare using deli fresh shaved ham.

Prep Time: 5 min. Total Time: 5 min.
Makes 12 servings

WEATHER
Courtesy of the City of Grayling

Last Week		Extended Forecast							
Date	H	Snow	Inches	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
12/22	25	8	12.5						
12/23	26	-8	12.5						
12/24	26	3	12	High	High	High	High	High	High
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2. For Rent

SENIOR APARTMENTS AVAILABLE at The Brook Retirement Communities. Offering Independent and Assisted Living. Lots of amenities, activities, beautiful surroundings and affordable living. Communities located in: Houghton Lake (989) 422-7200 Roscommon (989) 275-4000, West Branch (989) 343-1400, Gladwin (989) 426-8700. Call or stop by today for a personalized tour. (5/10/2007tf/2)

VIKING VILLAGE APARTMENTS are now taking applications for immediate availability. Very nice two bedroom, two bath apartments approximately one mile west of Grayling off M-72. Units in this quiet community include central air conditioning, attached garage, paved lighted streets and driveways, stove, refrigerator, dishwasher, washer and dryer. Lawn care, snow removal and garbage pickup included in annual lease. Contact Herb Olson, at 989-348-9456, for more information. (03/26/09tf/2)

FOR RENT One bedroom house in town \$450 a month plus utilities. No pets, plus deposit. 348-8479. (-31/2)

FOR RENT 3 BEDROOM home, natural gas, full basement, garage, nonsmoking, \$695. 142 Wilcox Bridge Road, phone 348-2178. (-12/31/09tf/2)

HOUSE OR APARTMENT for rent 348-3215. (-31/2)

3 BEDROOM home near town, large lot and 1 1/2 car garage. \$600 a month plus deposit. 989-390-3980. (-24-31/2)

1 BEDROOM in town \$390 a month plus utilities, no pets, references. Call 231-675-1456. (-10/01/09tf/2)

FOR RENT 2 BEDROOM apartment with garage. Stove, refrigerator, dishwasher, washer, dryer included. Quiet neighborhood. Security deposit required. 348-8471. (-17-24-31-2)

2. For Rent

NICE CLEAN TWO BEDROOM mobile with garage, washer/dryer and appliances. No pets. \$425 plus deposit. 348-2418. (-17-24-31-7/2)

FOR RENT LARGE 4 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath home, 8 miles south of Grayling, with attached 2 car garage. This is a very clean, nice rental with gas fireplace and large deck. Will consider pet. References plus security deposit. 989-329-4826. (-24-31-7/2)

SMALL DECENT 2 bedroom mobile, close to town. \$375 a month plus security 989-390-3980. (-24-31/2)

FOR RENT Newly refurbished 2 bedroom apartment located at 911 Elm Street, Grayling. \$475 per month plus deposit and utilities. Snow plowing and lawn care included in rent. Call Northwood Rentals 989-344-8787. (-12/8/09tf/2)

FOR RENT NICE 2 bedroom apartment, with garage located near the Grayling High School, \$650 per month, plus deposit, includes all utilities - heat, electric, water, snow plowing and lawn care. Call Northwood Rentals 989-344-8787. (-12/8/09tf/2)

FOR RENT 3 bedroom, 1 bath. Spacious kitchen and living room. Grayling Mobile Estates \$575. 989-348-7519, after 6 p.m. (-31/2)

3 BEDROOM HOUSE 10 miles south of Grayling off Old 27. No pets. 989-821-6225. \$600 per month plus deposit and utilities. (12/03/09tf/2)

2 BEDROOM DUPLEX \$450 plus utilities, 348-5230. (-3-10-17-24-31/2)

2 BEDROOM, 2 CAR garage on mainstream of AuSable. \$625 plus deposit, no smoking. New flooring, refinished. 344-9038. (12/15/09tf/2)

3 - 4 BEDROOM 3 bath log home on East Branch, 563-370-5104. (-3-10-17-24-31/2)

2. For Rent

CABINS AT LOST ACRES Cabin #2, #3 & #5 from \$300 - \$475, including utilities, near Blue Gill Lake. No pets. 11010 N. Old 27, Mike at 231-590-3699 or Leo 877-227-6976. (12/10/09tf/2)

TWO BEDROOM DUPLEX 700 sq. feet, new insulation, drywall, doors, etc. Storage laundry hookup, lawn care, snowplowing, adult nonsmoking unit. \$495, 700a Smith St. Phone 348-2178. (12/07/09tf/2)

FOR RENT WONDERFUL 4 bedroom home located on Fawn Lake near Waters. This home sits on the shore of Fawn Lake, with a huge deck and lots of windows facing the water.

Large heated garage and lots of storage space \$650 per month, plus deposit and utilities. Call Northwood Rentals 989-344-8787. (-12/17/09tf/2)

HOME FOR RENT Frederic area. 2 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath, 1,400 sq. ft on 10 acres. \$550 month, \$550 security. Pets negotiable 989-348-2088. (-24-31/2)

FOR RENT 9 Oaks Inn, weekly rates available. Easy access to Camp Grayling. For information call 989-275-9800. (-24-31-7)

RE/MAX BUILDING has executive office suite for lease. Excellent location with high traffic exposure on M-72 West in the city limits. Blacktop parking lot with lots of parking. Exceptionally nice 800 sq. ft. Perfect for office or retail. Natural gas, heat, central air with kitchen and bath, \$650 month plus utilities. Offering promo first month free with one year lease. Contact Charlene or Craig at Re/Max of Grayling 989-348-7440. (-12/18/09tf/2)

4 BEDROOM HOME \$800. 2 1/2 car garage, fenced in yard, 403 Erie. 989-529-8765. (-24-31/2)

FOR RENT TWO BEDROOM duplex with attached garage. Located at 1029 Heather Lane, off North Down River Road. \$600 per month, includes snow plowing, lawn care. Call Northwood Rentals 989-344-8787. (-12/22/09tf/2)

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2. For Rent

FOR RENT Newly remodeled 3 bed, 2 bath, 1800 sq. foot home located on Lake Street, near hospital and schools in the city of Grayling. Monthly rent \$700 plus utilities and \$600 deposit. For more information, please call 989-821-4480. (-31/2)

FOR LEASE 900 sq. feet commercial. Nice, clean place with private bath. Reasonably priced 989-348-8999. (-10-17-24-31/2)

CLEAN TWO BEDROOM apartment in town, \$535 a month includes heat and water. No smoking, no pets. Security deposit and references required. Phone 989-344-2470. (05/22/08tf/4)

APPLIANCE AND FURNACE PARTS All major brands. Most parts in stock. Appliance Parts 6840 M-72 West, Grayling, across from the Ole Barn. 989-348-5971. Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday, 8 a.m. to noon. (-3-10-17-24-31/4)

HIGH PAYING CAREERS for women/men in transportation. Contact Liberty Truck Driving School. Call toll free for information 1-888-602-5966, www.libertytruckdrivingschool.com. (-15-22-19-5-12-19-26-3-10-17-24-31/3)

DRIVERS Looking for Class C Independent Contractors. Must have own cargo vans. Good DMV. Helen (989) 745-1868. (-24-31/3)

APPLY NOW! Local company expanding in 2010. Must work well with people, be neat in appearance and have good attitude to meet requirements. Full time, good starting wages and fun work environment. Call now 989-732-2175. (-31/3)

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APPLIANCE REPAIR - For the best service on all major brand appliances call Hometown Heating and Cooling, Grayling at 989-348-4252. (-09/17/09tf/4)

DUBOIS LUMBER & RENTAL CENTER has wood pellets \$4.49 per 40 lb. bag or \$199.50 per ton. (11/05/09tf/5)

ELIMINATE HIGH HEATING BILLS while doing something good for the environment. Central Boiler EClassic Outdoor Wood Furnace. Over 85% efficient and EPA qualified. Get started saving money! Call 348-7484. (-3-10-17-24-31/5)

PROFESSIONAL SNOW REMOVAL commercial or residential. Call 989-344-8076. (-24-31-7-14-21/4)

BLOWN CELLULOSE INSULATION Attics, walls and crawl spaces. Custom Construction, licensed and insured. 989-422-5005. (-19-26-3-10-17-31-7/4)

4. Services Offered

CAM'S ROOF SHOVELING and snowplowing. Call for free estimate. 989-710-0911 or 989-370-1150. (-31-7/4)

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SNOW PLOWING commercial. Call for quote, Don Alexander 989-348-9410 or 989-289-0098. (-17-24-31-7/4)

CABINS - HOMES - RENTALS Let us be your eyes when you're away! Opening, closing of cabins, year around, seasonal or weekends. Maintenance and repairs. Don Alexander 989-348-9410 or 989-289-0098. (-17-24-31-7/4)

MILLER HOUSE FURNACE input 80,000 BTU, output 64,000, energy efficient \$300. 390-7188. (-31/5)

4. Services Offered

LIFE PROBLEMS getting you down? Call GRACE Center, 989-348-2544. (3/19/09tf/4)

BEST RATE SNOW SHOVELING Roofs, driveways or anything you want shoveled. Free estimates. Call Dan at 989-745-3514. (-24-31-7/4)

5. For Sale

DRIED OAK FIREWOOD \$50 per cord, \$60 delivered. Call Bill 989-348-5124. (-31/5)

CABIN LOGS rough sawn lumber, kiln dried lumber, tongue & groove, log siding, custom sawing. T. Warren Sawmill. 989-619-0840. (LR4/8/10/5)

DRY OAK FIREWOOD \$45 per face cord. Green or seasoned \$40 per cord. 2 cord minimum. Buying standing timber. Accepting snow plow accounts. 989-390-3930. (-3-10-17-24-31/5)

VERY NICE USED APPLIANCES for sale. Washers, dryers, refrigerators, gas and electric ranges. Service work on major appliances with over 40 years experience. Call Paul 348-0167. (-10-17-24-31/5)

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6. Wanted

WOW Don will pay up to \$300 for junk vehicles, up to \$500 commercial. 231-587-0856 or 888-468-7313. (4/2/09tf/6)

BUYING SCRAP METAL All grades. SMR 989-275-6041. (10/16/08tf/6)

WANTED Junk vehicles, will haul, Paying cash. Call Gene at Wakeley's Auto Parts, 989-348-5079. (LRI/21/10/6)

WANTED TO BUY Old postcards, coin collections, bullion, gold, silver etc. Larry Eastley - Old Mr. Postcard, Roscommon. 989-275-4233. (-26-3-10-17-24-31-7-14/6)

8. Announcements

FICK & SONS CHRISTMAS STIMULUS These propane prices will be available at our Grayling, Houghton Lake, West Branch, & Mikado offices, as well as Charlie's Country Corners. 20# cylinder refill -\$14, 30# cylinder refill -\$18, 100# cylinder refills -\$50. Attention Christmas shoppers! Marathon cash cards make great gifts. Stop by Charlie's Country Corners or the Sunny Spot Marathon in Roscommon and get .05 off per gallon on a fill up of 10 gallons or more of regular no lead gasoline when you purchase a marathon cash card. Thank you for your business and hope that you have a Happy Holiday Season. (-3-10-17-24-31/8)

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D & S MERCHANDISE OUTLET Final Liquidation Sale. Everything 60% off Jan. 4 through Jan. 9, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Don't miss out! Next to Curves, in with Don's Accounting. Please use back door. (-31/8)

COMMUNITY CALENDAR Place your organization's events on Crawford County's Community Calendar. Go to crawfordcountyavalanche.com, under services, to submit your event. For more information, call our office at 989-348-6811. (-31/9/09tf/8)

MIP and anger management programs. GRACE Center, Grayling: 989-348-2544. (10/11/07tf/8)

8. Announcements

PREVIOUS RIVER HOUSE CLIENTS All program participant files that are ten (10) years or older will be destroyed on January 15, 2010 if there has been no service provided on those files from December 15, 1999 to the present. If you would like further information about this process or are interested in receiving your file prior to January 15, 2010, you may contact River House, Inc. at P.O. Box 661, Grayling, MI 49738. Or you may phone at 989-348-3169 or 888-554-3169. (-31/8)

FREE SOUP, SALAD & FRUIT bar with purchase of all-you-can-eat spaghetti \$7.99, Wednesdays 4 pm - 9 pm, at Grayling Big Boy. (-11/26/09tf/8)

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